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THE NUMBERS ARE IN:

86% OF CONNECTICUT'S SENIORS HAVE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

WASHINGTON, DC - Rep. Rob Simmons, R-2nd District, today released the following U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) chart showing more than 450,000 Connecticut seniors are enjoying prescription drug coverage - thanks in large part to the new Medicare drug benefit.

"The Medicare prescription drug law is a real benefit providing real savings," Simmons said. "Here at home, more than 450,000 Connecticut seniors are enjoying prescription drug coverage and getting significant savings on their medicines."

Medicare Beneficiaries with Prescription Drug Coverage (as of June 11, 2006)

Connecticut - State Data

Senators Dodd / Lieberman

Total Medicare Beneficiaries in Connecticut	527,325
Total Medicare Beneficiaries with Prescription Drug Coverage	455,058
Total Percentage with Drug Coverage in Connecticut	86%
Beneficiaries with Drug Coverage from Medicare or Former Employers*	396,574
Beneficiaries with Other Creditable Coverage**	58,484
Percentage with Other Creditable Coverage	11%

Congressional District	Medicare Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries with Drug Coverage from Medicare or Former Employers*	Drug Coverage from Medicare or Former Employers					Percentage with Drug Coverage from Medicare or Former Employers
			Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plan	Medicare Advantage with Prescription Drugs	Medicare-Medicaid (Auto Enrolled)	Medicare Retiree Drug Subsidy	Federal Retirees	
CT01 - Larson	114,284	88,503	34,008	5,020	18,301	27,174	4,000	77%*
CT02 - Simmons	102,269	77,163	33,316	2,088	11,267	22,101	8,390	75%*
CT03 - DeLauro	110,572	81,844	29,484	12,638	14,587	21,473	3,663	74%*
CT04 - Shays	95,757	70,443	27,397	10,637	11,135	19,037	2,237	74%*
CT05 - Johnson	104,444	78,620	33,418	4,023	14,438	23,494	3,247	75%*

* This does not include individuals with other creditable coverage, such as through the Veteran's Administration, Indian Health Service, current employers for active workers with Medicare Secondary Payer, and other retiree coverage and State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs. **This information is not available by congressional districts.** The statewide average percentage of those with other creditable coverage is 11% for the State of Connecticut.

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